**WEARSIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE**

**MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Tuesday 10th September 2019**

**Held at Farringdon Youth & Community Centre, Allendale Road, Farringdon, Sunderland.**

**Present:** Peter Maguire (Chairman), Kevin Harrison (Secretary), Frank Thompson,

Brian Hammond, Danni Maguire-Myers, Doug Keys, George McKitterick,

Helen Pollard, Joe Partridge, Keith Simpson, Kevin Gibson, Phil Tye, Mick Grant.

**Apologies:** Dave Copeland, Emma Collins, Gordon Mason, Ian Stewart, Kieran Downey,

Kevin McKitterick, Malcolm Langley, Marshall Lawson, Matthew Malton, Sean Rooks.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.00pm.

1. **Minutes of the last meeting** - The minutes of the last meeting held on Monday 12th August 2019, previously circulated, were confirmed as a true record.
2. **Matters Arising**;

* **Jordan Stewart** - Kevin informed the meeting that the player had played whilst under suspension and had been dealt with by Durham FA. It was believed that he had received a fine and a further 1 match suspension.

1. **Correspondence;**

* **Charity Cup Donation** - letter from NHS Northumberland, Tyne and Wear Trust thanking the league for the kind donation of £1500 from the gate receipts taken at the league’s Charity Cup Finals to the Roker and Mowbray Ward’s Fund that helps provide equipment and activities for their patients and service users.
* **Darlington RA** - **request for postponement of game on 7/9/2019** – email from Club Secretary, Alan Hamilton (Darlington RA), informing of the resignation of team manager Steve Grocott following the heavy defeat on 31/8/2019. Assistant, Mark Wheldon has agreed to look after team affairs in the interim while they look to find a replacement manager and Alan had been asked to ask if the league would consider postponement of the Alan Hood cup game on the 7th to allow Mark a little more time to organise affairs. League Secretary, Kevin, agreed to the request and managed to arrange a league fixture for their opponents.
* **Adult Leagues meeting** - letter from Durham FA advising of a meeting of Adult Leagues is to be held at DCFA on Wednesday 16th October 2019 commencing at 6.00pm. The agenda will include referee issues, club retention, WGS plus topics provided by leagues. League Secretary Kevin Harrison and Vice chairman Frank Thompson will be representing the league at the meeting.

1. **Washington AFC Reserves** **- resigning from the league** - email from Club secretary, Lee Holmes, informing that the team is resigning from the league with immediate effect. He explained that despite having the best intentions and people saying that they would commit to play, they have dropped them in it. The current under 18’s have a squad of around 23, but unfortunately are currently in the U/18’s Saturday league with Durham FA so cannot help out. Lee apologised for the decision taken. Mick contacted Lee asking if he wished to attend the meeting to explain further, but he declined. The committee deliberated in the club’s absence and the decision was that league rule **11B**, of which they were previously advised of, be applied. As per the League’s Fine Tariff in relation to that rule, the club is fined **£250** with payment due within 14 days of the league notification. The club is also required to return the 4 match balls and barrier kit provided by the league. Failure to return them, the club will be invoiced **£100** to cover the cost.
2. **Jarrow Reserves - game 24th August called off** - Kevin informed the committee that he had been contacted by Noel Blackburn at Jarrow Reserves informing that there had been a car accident in Scotland involving a member of his family and several members of the team who apparently have sustained broken bones. Kevin made an executive decision and called the game off.
3. **Windscale - failing to field a team away to Gateshead Leam Rangers on 31/8/2019** - Club Secretary David Branney informed the league that Joe Sheppard would be travelling from Cumbria to represent the club and explain the circumstances that led to the fixture not going ahead. Joe explained that due to a number of players involved with cricket on the day and others away on holiday, the club could not field enough numbers for the game to go ahead. The Reserve side is made up of mostly 18-year-old players whose parents did not want them to play as they felt that they were too young, and the club were also restricted by county league rules. The club had contacted Gateshead Leam Rangers to apologise.

The management committee deliberated on Joe’s submission and decided that league rule 20 (E) (i) be applied, warning the club of its future conduct, and incur a fine of £150, as per the league’s Fine Tariff. On this occasion it was decided that the fine be **suspended until the end of the season.**

1. **Charter Standard** - Phil informed the meeting on the following;

* **Club Health Checks** - Clubs are required to complete their Charter Standard Health Check by 31st December 2019. He will assist all clubs in both divisions should they have any queries.
* **Coaching** - Durham FA are tightening up on Licensed Qualified coaching and will be looking for evidence of coaching qualifications at all clubs. Peter again asked if any club requires someone to go on a coaching course, he would look to arrange one with the County FA.
* **Emergency Action Plan** - Phil contact all clubs and provided them with a template to display at their ground. Once completed they were required to return a copy to the league. To date only 3 clubs, Darlington RA, Horden Community Welfare and Wolviston have returned a copy. Kevin will contact all other clubs instructing them to comply asap. Phil will be visiting all grounds to check.

1. **A.O.B.**

* **League Development Plan** - email received (today) from Matt Edkins (FA) giving an update of the new process and format and also the deadline for the League’s Development Plan submission**.** Kevin briefed the meeting on the information requested by the FA regarding their initiatives for the coming season; Ground Grading/Facility Development, Respect/Fair Play, Equality and Diversity. Suggestions for inclusion in the Plan were discussed.

The league will now look to arrange a meeting with Andy Brown, Durham County FA’s Club Development Officer, to go through the Forms with him before submission to the FA.

Being no other business, the meeting closed at 7.34pm.